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SUBJECT: PERMREP LUNCH DISCUSSION, JANUARY 29

SUMMARY: AT LUNCH JANUARY 29, PERMREPS DISCUSSED COMPLETION OF NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION, TENTATIVELY AGREED ON FEBRUARY 28 FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS/NAC MEETING, DISCUSSED PLANS FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, TIMING AND FORUM FOR U.S. CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC RE-TARGETING, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT NPG MEETING, SMALLER-YIELD NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND A MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR NATO. DE STAERCKE ASKED ABOUT A LETTER FROM BREZHNEV ON CSCE. END SUMMARY.

ATLANTIC DECLARATION.

1. LED BY BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE, WHO FEARS "UNRAVELLING" OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION IF IT IS NOT SOON COMPLETED AND FURTHER NATIONAL AMENDMENTS THUS PRE-EMPTED, CONSENSUS OF PERMREPS LUNCH WAS THAT COUNCIL SHOULD MOVE TO FINISH DRAFTING. THIS WAS THE PREVAILING VIEW DESPITE THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS AND EVEN THOUGH PERMREPS DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD COME TO EUROPE. DE STAERCKE'S CONCERN WAS MAGNIFIED WHEN SOME OTHER PERMREPS INDICATED INTEREST IN SITTING ON THE SMALL DRAFTING GROUP. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE NOTED THAT COUNCIL STILL REQUIRED CONSIDERED U.S. VIEWS OF LATEST FRENCH RE-DRAFT OF PARAGRAPHS
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3, 4 AND 5 FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO PROGRESS. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

POLITICAL DIRECTORS/COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

2. MOST PERMREPS PREFERRED TO SET FEBRUARY 28 FOR NAC MEETING ATTENDED BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND LUNCHEON OFFERED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. QUESTIONS: IS THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVES? WHO IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT SUCH A MEETING?

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

3. WHEN I REPLIED TO A QUESTION OF SYG LUNS' THAT I HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD ATTEND NATO'S ANNIVERSARY APRIL 4, LUNS SAID THAT NATO WOULD PLAN AN EVENT IN BRUSSELS THAT DAY BUILD AROUND A MILITARY CELEBRATION. IF THE PRESIDENT COMES OTHER EVENTS COULD BE ARRANGED AROUND WHAT HAD BEEN PLANNED, BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN PLANNING AND ISSUE INVITATIONS. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING

4. I SAID THE U.S. INTENDED TO CONSULT ON STRATEGIC RETARGETING; FINAL DETAILS HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT BUT THEY WOULD BE. DE STAERCKE SAID THIS MATTER WAS MOST IMPORTANT AND THE ALLIES NEED TO KNOW THE FACTS SOON. CONTINUED DELAYS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THERE WAS A SUGGESTION BY CANADIAN PERMREP THAT THE U.S. BRIEF THE NAC RATHER THAN THE DPC OR NPG, SO FRANCE COULD PARTICIPATE AS IT DID IN SALT CONSULTATIONS. DE ROSE WAS PLEASED WITH OFFER, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO SET IN. HOWEVER, FORTUNATELY AND PROPERLY DE STAERCKE COMPLETELY QUASHED THE IDEA, POINTING OUT THAT FRANCE COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DPC OR THE NPG IF IT CHOSE TO. STRATEGIC RETARGETING INVOLVED THE INTEGRATED FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE. SALT WAS A BILATERAL NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR. GUIDANCE REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PLEASE ADVISE NATO CONSULTATION PLANS AND SCHEDULE. NOTE: IF AT ANY POINT WASHINGTON DECIDES TO BRIEF ALLIED AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON ON TARGETING SUBJECT, WHICH I DO NOT RECOMMEND AND WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INCLUDE ONLY DPC OR NPG NATIONS AS APPROPRIATE, NOT NAC NATIONS.

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MINI-NUKE ARTICLE

5. I REFERRED TO THE RECENT WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON U.S. DEVELOPMENT OF SMALLER-YIELD, MORE ACCURATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I DREW UPON GUIDANCE TO INDICATE THAT SUCH WEAPONS ARE ONLY UNDER STUDY IN CONTINUING U.S. SEARCH FOR WAYS TO MAKE NUCLEAR STOCKPILE MORE EFFECTIVE. THERE WAS NO DECISION TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OR PRODUCTION, AND WE WOULD CONSULT FULLY IF THERE WAS A DECISION TO DEPLOY SUCH WEAPONS.

NEXT NPG MEETING

6. NORWEGIAN PERMREP BUSCH INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE

TO HOLD THE NPG MEETING JUNE 4 AND 5. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON WHETHER MINISTERS PREFERRED TO HOLD THE MEETING IN BERGEN JUNE 11 AND 12, OR IN OSLO JUNE 25 AND 26. (WASHINGTON PLEASE INDICATE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PREFERENCES BY FEBRUARY 4.)

MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR NATO

7. I TRIED TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE U.S. PROPOSAL OF A MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR NATO, OUR INTENT AND THE RESULT WE SOUGHT. THE U.S. WANTED TO GIVE THE SYG A TOOL TO USE IN MANAGING THE LARGE NATO ORGANIZATION. THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE PROPOSAL TO LIMIT OR INHIBIT THE SYG IN ANY WAY. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR ANY BETTER PROPOSAL. DE STAERCKE SEEMED MOLLIFIED, AND PROPOSED A COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

REPORTED BREZHNEV LETTER ON CSCE

8. DE STAERCKE SAID HE HAD HEARD OF A LETTER FROM BREZHNEV TO NIXON AND POMPIDOU AND POSSIBLE HEATH AMONG OTHERS, DEALING WITH CSCE. HE THOUGHT THE LETTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT THIS MONTH. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE LETTER INDICATED THE USSR EXPECTED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE FROM WEST, AND WONDERED WHETHER THE REPORTED LETTER INDICATED A CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICIES. HE ASKED IF THERE SHOULD BE CONSULTATION. ALL PERMREPS WHO SPOKE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH LETTER, INCLUDING ME. QUESTION: IS THERE SUCH A LETTER AND IF SO, SHOULD WE CONSULT IN THE COUNCIL ON IT? RUMSFELD

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